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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to propose changes to the schedule in the Traffic and Parking Bylaw dealing with *Traffic Lanes Restricted to Specific Classes of Vehicles*.

ROADS OR TRAFFIC LANES RESTRICTED TO SPECIFIC CLASSES OF VEHICLES

The sixth schedule of the Council's Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 lists the roads or traffic lanes in the city restricted to specific classes of vehicles. To effect a change to this schedule (additions or deletions) it is necessary for the Council to make an amending bylaw.

The Transport Act empowers the Council to restrict roads or traffic lanes to specific classes of vehicles such as buses, taxis and cycles. The current bylaw currently lists three roads and two traffic lanes in the city where restrictions are in place for specific classes of vehicles.

DISCUSSION

Changes in bus and taxi movements in the inner city (due to the Cathedral Square alterations) have resulted in there being no need to retain the exclusive bus and taxi lane for traffic travelling in an easterly direction along Worcester Street east turning right into Manchester Street.

Similarly the lane for traffic travelling in a westerly direction turning right into the north-eastern sector of Cathedral Square.

Conversely there is a need to allow buses, taxis and cycles to make a right hand turn from Gloucester Street into Cathedral Square. Previously all traffic was prohibited from making this turn.

Buses (and taxis) having a need to enter Cathedral Square require the option of this turn from Gloucester Street. Allowing cyclists to also make the turn is practicable as they can be accommodated without disrupting bus services. However, cars need to be prohibited as the lane is short and within close proximity to a bus terminus in Gloucester Street adjacent to the Farmers Building.

CONCLUSION

The sixth schedule in the Council's Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 should be amended. Clause A (Worcester Street East) should be deleted and an additional Clause G (Gloucester Street) added.

Recommendation: That the Council commence procedures at its meeting in February 1999 to adopt an amending bylaw to alter the sixth schedule in the Council's Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 "Roads or Traffic Lanes restricted to Specific Classes of Vehicles" where Clause A (Worcester Street East) is deleted and Clause G (Gloucester Street) added.

1. Delete Clause A (WORCESTER STREET EAST)

Only a bus or taxi shall:

- (i) When proceeding west along Worcester Street east, use the right turn lane into the north eastern sector of Cathedral Square; or
- (ii) When proceeding east along Worcester Street east use the right turn lane into Manchester Street.

2. Add Clause G (GLOUCESTER STREET)

Only a bus, taxi or cycle shall:

Use the right turn lane into Colombo Street/Cathedral Square when proceeding east along Gloucester Street.